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THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM
(Information as of 1000 EDT)

1. Tran Kim Tuyen, former South Vietnamese

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little prospect for a coup under present circumstances, with senior military officers divided and denied troop command. He says the regimental commanders, whom he considers to have the best potential for success, are unable to establish effective liaison. Tuyen says he is still without instructions, and expects to stay in Hong Kong at least through the first part of this week.

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4. Agence France Press, quoting the Manila Daily Bulletin, says Prince Sihanouk has told an interviewer that it is too late to neutralize South Vietnam because "the US will never accept it," that De Gaulle's recent proposals are unrealistic, and that with or without a change of regimes South Vietnam "is doomed in the near future to Communism."

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